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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

SUBJECT: Conversations with [redacted] on 8 May 1951

1. [redacted] discussed Project BLUEBIRD at 1230 hours 8 May 1951.

2. [redacted] was outspoken and frank in his feelings with regard to CIA activity in this project. He stated that the [redacted] is coordinated in all respects, the project is well under control, that they will welcome CIA participation if CIA has anything to offer. To date, CIA has not contributed anything to the project and there is no indication that CIA will be in a position to so contribute.

3. [redacted] emphasized that he was speaking openly and frankly and that the door was always open to CIA should the agency have something to contribute. He particularly mentioned the fact that the BLUEBIRD report has not yet been made available to any of the [redacted] agencies, although they were all briefed on the project before it started, supplied materials and assistance in preparing for the interrogations, and expected that they would receive the reports resulting. [redacted] advised [redacted] that he would look into the matter, but could not release the report without [redacted] permission).

4. [redacted] ed to be assured that OSI was coordinating the whole project, including the operational aspects, and he particularly wanted to know our relationships with [redacted] activities. [redacted] assured him that OSI is in fact the over-all coordinator, that only three people in OSI, [redacted] and [redacted] are acquainted with all aspects, and that it would be best for [redacted] to deal through [redacted] on any matters concerning the project. [redacted] sked if CIA was planning any operations in the field, and stated that this is one place in which we can contribute the most. He thought that if we could insure action in coordination with [redacted] with respect to this matter, it would be a long step forward.

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